

district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 319: "no"; Rollcall No. 320: "yes"; Rollcall No. 321: "yes"; Rollcall No. 322: "no"; Rollcall No. 323: "no"; Rollcall No. 324: "no"; Rollcall No. 325: "yes"; Rollcall No. 326: "yes"; Rollcall No. 327: "yes"; Rollcall No. 328: "yes"; Rollcall No. 329: "no"; Rollcall No. 330: "yes."

### FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2006*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Chairman, when you think of Southern California, you think of palm trees and sunshine, right? Most people do, and I'm glad they do. But today I want to remind you that in California, when it rains it pours. And my community of Orange County has a long history of destructive floods. I am particularly pleased that the House is choosing to pass the Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act currently before Congress.

This bipartisan bill would increase maximum flood premium rates, giving property owners the choice to pay more to receive greater coverage, including living expenses or profit loss beyond what is now covered in the flood insurance program.

The bill also makes it clear that the Federal Emergency Management Agency should listen to local communities whenever updating national flood maps.

Currently, FEMA estimates 70 percent of its flood maps are more than a decade out of date. I agree with FEMA's recent call for a speedy update of these important data sets, but haste should not take priority over accuracy.

Our local communities need time to report the most up-to-date data for inclusion in these national maps.

In California counties where FEMA has set a September 30 deadline to receive preliminary maps, FEMA should clearly grant an extension, rather than continue the flood control planning process without that critical local input.

The Army Corps of Engineers is studying flood control issues in a 90-square-mile watershed in Orange County, including Garden Grove and Santa Ana. The Corps' important work there should be taken into account as FEMA looks to draw new maps.

I applaud the bipartisan sponsors of this legislation and the bipartisan work of the Rules Committee for allowing debate on several important amendments to this bill. I urge my colleagues to cast a "yes" vote today.

### RECOGNIZING BRIAN COMISKEY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian Comiskey, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brian Comiskey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, because of the storms in the Northeast and numerous flight delays over the past two days, I was not present for Rollcall No. 319, to prohibit consideration of the minimum wage increase, No. 320, the Coast Guard and Maritime Authorization Act, and No. 321, the Veterans COLA bill. Rollcall no. 319, "nay"; rollcall No. 320, "yea"; rollcall No. 321, "yea."

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my home district due to inclement weather and unable to record my rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on votes: Rollcall vote No. 320; rollcall vote No. 321; rollcall vote No. 325; rollcall vote No. 326; rollcall vote No. 327; rollcall vote No. 328.

Had I been present I would have voted "no" on votes: Rollcall No. 319; rollcall vote No. 322; rollcall vote No. 323; rollcall vote No. 324; rollcall vote No. 329; rollcall vote No. 330.

### RECOGNIZING DARRYL BELL, JR. FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Darryl Bell, Jr., a very special

young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Darryl has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Darryl has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Darryl Bell, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### TRIBUTE TO CRAIG SNOW

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Craig Snow. Mr. Snow was an extraordinary advocate for all people in need in his community. He was a coach and trainer of those who work in the non-profit sector, a man who led by example as well as by instruction, and a man who inspired others to acts of philanthropy. It would be difficult to imagine Tucson today without the tireless efforts of this remarkable individual.

Craig came to Tucson in 1977, as a visiting Lecturer at the University of Arizona. He stayed on to serve as associate director of composition and then as the founding director of the Composition Board of the University. However, at the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, Craig realized that immediate action was essential, and he organized brainstorming sessions which resulted in the formation of Tucson AIDS Project. He became the director of the project and led it for 12 years on a path which provided sustenance, direction and education to the sufferers of AIDS and the community at large. He promoted understanding and compassion in a time where few had the courage to face the issues the AIDS epidemic underscored. As a result of Mr. Snow's actions and foresight, Tucson developed one of the most forward thinking AIDS support organizations in the world. As the crowning achievement of his tenure with the Tucson AIDS Project, he was instrumental in bringing several Tucson AIDS support organizations together to form the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

Craig's activism went above and beyond. He also created a consulting firm, which specialized in working with non-profit, care giving organizations. His constant theme was to help the helpers of humanity to do their work better. He assisted groups as diverse as the Brewster Center for Battered Women, the Primavera Foundation for the Homeless, Child and Family Resources, the Center for Adolescent Parents, and KARE, a group that helps grandparents raising grandchildren. His vision and work helped these organizations, and many others, improve their outreach, organizational structure, and constituent services. Craig also served as a priceless facilitator among government bodies, non-profit organizations and the people they served. Craig had a wonderful manner of using every social occasion and interaction to encourage and enlighten every person he met. Then, when they